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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d),  
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08 / 720,927  
filed on 10/4/96, entitled Automated Self-Service Mail Processing and Sorting Systems

#### NOTES

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

**C+P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a).

- ☒ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on 2/9/98 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
- ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d)(4).
  - ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:  
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))				+ \$ _____ =	-
				BASIC FEE <small>(37 C.F.R. § 1.16)</small>	\$ 790
				Total of above Calculations =	\$ 1,118
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* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. ** Reissue independent claims over original patent.				TOTAL =	\$ 559

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- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed, if (b) and (c) do not apply.  
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9. ☒ Other: Petition and Fee for Two-Months Extension of Time  
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SERVICE MAIL PROCESSING  
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- (1) Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal - two (2) pages (in duplicate);
- (2) Check for \$559 (filing fee); and
- (3) Post card.

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